

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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## Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Decline During July for Fox Valley Area

During July, the unadjusted unemployment rate for the Fox Valley Workforce Delivery Area declined 0.4 of a percentage point to 5.0 percent. All of the counties in the region experienced a decline in their monthly rate. Green Lake County had the largest monthly decline with a drop of 1.1 of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. Both the Appleton/Oshkosh/Neenah MSA and Waupaca County had the lowest rates in July at 4.8 percent, while Waushara was the highest at 5.9 percent.

until the economy returns to a faster growth rate.

The media has indicated improvement in the national economy, and the Fox Valley area has seen growth in its over the last year. Both the area's labor force and employment levels have increased, although employment growth has been less than labor force growth over the last year. The size of the region's labor force increased 13,300 since last July, while the number of employed increased 11,900.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)
<b>July-2003</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	240,500	3,099,200	146,540
Employment	228,200	2,925,000	137,478
Unemployment	12,400	174,300	9,062
Unemployment rate	5.1%	5.6%	6.2%
<b>June-2003</b>			
<b>Change</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	(800)	(1,900)	(556)
Employment	(1,500)	(3,100)	(260)
Unemployment	800	1,300	(296)
Unemployment rate	0.3%	0.0%	-0.2%
<b>July-2002</b>			
<b>Change</b>			
Civilian Labor Force	8,700	75,800	1,754
Employment	7,700	64,800	1,135
Unemployment	1,000	11,100	619
Unemployment rate	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%

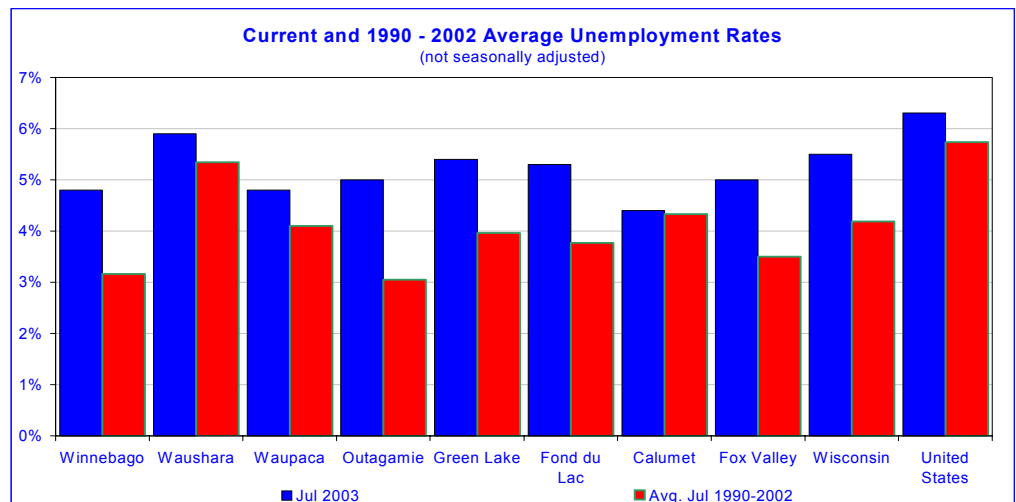
Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

Although the monthly rate declined, the rate remained above the one year ago level when it was 4.7 percent. The only county to decline over the year was Waushara, which was down 0.5 of a percentage point to 5.9 percent.

Generally July through October are the months with the lowest unemployment rates of the year in the Fox Valley Area. This will most likely be the case during 2003. The rates should remain close to where they are, possibly drifting slightly lower during the next several months before rising near the end of the year. As indicated on the bottom graph, the current rates, while improved from June, remain above the average level for the month based on the average for the month of July for the 1990 to 2002 period. This trend will most likely continue

## How are multiple worksite data used?

Employers with multiple sites can improve the information on local labor force and employment conditions in their counties by providing employment and wages for each of their Wisconsin locations on the Multiple Work-



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site Report (MWR). The voluntary report correctly identifies the employment and wages of *where people work* instead of the data being aggregated in one industry or one location. For example, XYZ Company has physical locations in three counties but completes its tax accounting report in only one county. That means all employees and their wages are allocated to that single county inflating the actual employment picture there and deflating the picture in the other two counties. The MWR distributes that employment to all three counties and helps to improve local indicators used by planners, businesses, economic developers, and analysts.

Contact Deborah Holt, program manager, at 608-266-5321 for more information.

## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA rose to 4.8 percent for July. Last year the rate was 4.6 percent. The nation's unemployment rate was 6.2 percent. The rate for Wisconsin was 5.6 percent.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi>.

July 2003	App/Osh/Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Fox Valley Non MSA's	Wisconsin
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	246,500	60,900	11,100	29,000	12,900	360,500	113,900	3,167,700
Employed	234,600	57,700	10,500	27,600	12,100	342,600	107,900	2,992,300
Unemployed	11,900	3,200	600	1,400	800	17,800	6,000	175,400
Unemployment rate (%)	4.8%	5.3%	5.4%	4.8%	5.9%	5.0%	5.3%	5.5%
<b>Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>209,800</b>	<b>49,700</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>296,100</b>	<b>86,300</b>	<b>2,800,500</b>
Total Private	187,300	44,000	7,000	18,500	5,000	261,700	74,400	2,421,000
Goods Producing	67,100	14,200	1,900	6,100	1,100	90,300	23,200	650,500
Service Producing	142,700	35,500	6,100	16,200	5,300	205,800	63,100	2,150,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	14,000	3,100	600	1,000	400	19,000	5,000	131,600
Manufacturing	53,100	11,100	1,300	5,100	700	71,300	18,200	518,900
Trade	30,200	7,200	1,000	3,000	1,000	42,500	12,300	441,100
Transportation & Utilities	6,700	1,400	270	500	400	9,200	2,500	322,000
Financial Activities	11,400	1,900	390	800	200	14,700	3,300	159,100
Education and Health Services	21,400	6,400	1,100	2,800	800	32,400	11,000	362,100
Leisure & Hospitality	16,700	5,200	1,300	3,000	900	27,100	10,400	262,700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	33,800	7,700	900	2,300	600	45,300	11,500	963,100
Total Government	22,500	5,700	1,100	3,800	1,400	34,400	11,900	379,500
Federal	1,000	600	50	100	100	1,900	900	28,500
State	4,500	4,140	10	900	400	6,400	1,900	91,700
Local	17,000	4,800	1,000	2,800	900	26,500	9,500	259,300
<b>Change from one month ago June 2003</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	-100	100	-100	-200	300	100	100	2,000
Employed	700	600	100	-100	300	1,600	900	8,600
Unemployed	-800	-400	-100	-100	-100	-1,700	-700	-6,500
Unemployment rate (%)	-0.3%	-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-0.4%	-0.6%	-0.2%
<b>Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>-2,400</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>-500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-3,000</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-30,700</b>
Total Private	-700	200	-10	0	100	-500	200	8,400
Goods Producing	200	200	0	0	0	400	200	1,700
Service Producing	-2,600	-300	-180	-400	100	-3,400	-800	-32,400
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	0	100	0	0	0	100	100	1,800
Manufacturing	200	100	0	0	0	300	100	-100
Trade	-400	-100	-10	20	0	-500	-100	1,500
Transportation & Utilities	-200	-100	10	-30	0	-300	-100	1,100
Financial Activities	0	0	0	-10	0	0	0	0
Education and Health Services	-300	0	-10	-40	0	-300	0	-700
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	100	0	40	0	-100	100	5,700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	200	0	10	-10	0	200	0	2,500
Total Government	-1,700	-300	-170	-420	0	-2,500	-800	-39,100
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200
State	-200	0	0	-30	0	-300	-100	-4,200
Local	-1,500	-300	-160	-380	100	-2,200	-700	-34,700
<b>Change from one year ago July 2002</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	8,700	2,500	400	1,000	700	13,300	4,600	76,100
Employed	7,800	2,100	400	900	600	11,900	4,000	65,200
Unemployed	900	400	100	100	0	1,300	600	10,900
Unemployment rate (%)	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
<b>Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>4,800</b>
Total Private	2,900	1,100	100	300	300	4,600	1,700	8,400
Goods Producing	700	-400	-100	-100	0	0	-600	-22,900
Service Producing	2,700	1,600	200	500	200	5,200	2,500	27,700
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	300	100	0	0	0	400	100	-8,500
Manufacturing	300	-500	-100	-100	0	-400	-700	-14,400
Trade	-600	0	0	-100	0	-700	-100	6,100
Transportation & Utilities	-100	-100	0	0	100	-100	0	2,700
Financial Activities	400	100	0	100	0	600	200	4,000
Education and Health Services	200	-100	0	200	100	400	100	4,900
Leisure & Hospitality	700	800	300	500	100	2,300	1,600	3,000
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	1,600	900	-100	-200	0	2,100	500	20,700
Total Government	600	0	0	100	0	600	100	-3,600
Federal	-100	-100	0	0	0	-100	-100	-1,000
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	600
Local	600	100	0	100	0	700	200	-3,100

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFW S data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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